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STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

Henry Ford has invited Governor Manning to join the peace tour to Europe.

J. T. Collins, who has conducted a department store in Chester for several years, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

Governors of several Southern States have accepted the invitation of Gov. Manning to attend the Southern Commercial Congress at Charleston December 13 to 17.

Cliff Godfrey, tried at Spartanburg Friday for the murder of Robert Hanna, a planter on whose place near Enoree Godfrey was a tenant, was acquitted. The unwritten law was the defense.

The upper South Carolina Conference of the Southern Methodist church, in session the last week at Spartanburg, will meet next year at the Buncombe street church in Greenville.

Fire early Thursday morning totally destroyed O'Donnell & Company's store at Sumter, causing a loss estimated at around \$75,000, with insured of \$42,000 on stock of goods and building.

Rev. J. L. Harley of Spartanburg, for the past eight years secretary of the Anti-Saloon league, has resigned his position. Mr. Harley is said to feel that his work in this State is finished since the State voted "dry" last September.

The Republic Cotton Mill at Great Falls, will at once build a 40,000-spindle mill with 1,000 looms, driven by electric power. Also 300 houses for operatives. Capital stock has been increased from \$600,000 to \$1,200,000.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of a former street supervisor of Florence, shot and killed herself shortly after noon Thursday. She left a note under her plate on the dinner table saying that no one was to blame for what she was to do but her wretched state of health.

The secretary of State has issued a charter for the Citizens' Bank and Trust company of Rock Hill with a capital of \$60,000. The officers are: J. W. O'Neal, president; D. C. Johnston, vice president; George A. Beach, cashier; J. R. Shurley, assistant cashier.

In answer to an inquiry from a Newberry druggist, Attorney General Peebles has ruled that the "gallon-a-month" law does not prohibit a druggist from receiving and using alcohol in accordance with the law existing before the passage of the "gallon-a-month" act.

As the result of a melee Saturday morning at the Judson mill in Greenville, in which several men participated, using knives as weapons, David Freez, one of the strikers, was so severely cut that he died a few hours later. D. G. Huggings, an employe of the mill, narrowly escaped serious injury.

The executive committee of the State Cotton Manufacturers' association will advise all of the South Carolina mills to stop the operation of automatic looms during the noon hour, in accordance with a decision as to the legality of overtime for machinery recently rendered by the attorney general.

Wants New Dormitory.

At its meeting in Rock Hill the last week, the board of trustees of Winthrop college decided to ask the legislature for an appropriation of \$100,000 to erect a new dormitory. The new building would accommodate from 250 to 300 girls. The board at its meeting framed the annual report for the legislature. The general appropriation for the maintenance of the institution will be less than last year, according to a member of the board.

"We will ask the legislature," said the member, "for an appropriation of \$100,000, \$50,000 next year and \$50,000 for the following year. A new dormitory is necessary to accommodate the ever increasing number of students. Last year 600 young women were refused admission to the school because of a lack of dormitory space."

What County Offices Pay.

The Yorkville Enquirer on Friday carried an article and tabulated statements as to the salaries and fees of York county officials, and the following figures are interesting:

Sheriff Brown—For 1914, \$3,012.82, which includes \$785 for detaining prisoners.

Auditor Love—\$2,261.67, which includes clerk hire of \$100.

Treasurer Neil—\$2,398.20, which includes clerk hire of \$250.

Supervisor Boyd—Salary, \$1,000; fees, \$50.

Probate Judge Williams—Salary and fees \$1,108.25.

Superintendent Carroll—Salary \$900.

Stickers on Xmas Mail.

Postmasters throughout the country have been notified from Washington of precautions to be taken in the receiving of Christmas mail.

Chief of these instructions is an order which reads: "In order to facilitate the handling and delivery of mail during the approaching Christmas holidays, the requirement that domestic matter and bearing on the addressing side adhesive seals or stickers, other than lawful postage stamps shall be classed as unavailable, is hereby suspended from December 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916. Postmaster shall however inform their patrons that such seals or stickers should not be placed on the address side of mail."

This means that seals and stickers such as "Do not open until Christmas," etc., may be placed on mail, but preferably on the back, and not on the address side of the envelope, or the parcel of mail so addressed.

Mr. Ford's Mission.

Henry Ford, perhaps the best advertised man in America, and unquestionably a man of magnificent ideals and achievements, may find it easier to sell a million automobiles than to stop a war which today involves most of the countries of the earth.

At any rate Mr. Ford seems to balk at nothing and just now he plans to charter a ship, fill it with celebrities and go over to Europe and endeavor to effect an ending of the war.

Governors of the States have been invited to accompany him and it is reported that such distinguished gentlemen as Edison will join his party.

Mr. Ford is an earnest peace advocate. He wants to see the bloody shambles in Europe brought to an end and in this fervent wish all of us join.—Charlotte News.

Community Service Day.

The prospects for a successful day Friday, December 3, which has been designated as Community Service Day and will be observed by the patrons of the school, are very bright, quite a good deal of cinders and sand having already been placed on the grounds preparatory to being used in making walks. The dinner committee also reports splendid success in its work.

Should the weather be so that out-door work be impossible, the work will be done the following Friday.

Were Not Boll Weevils.

Farmers in all sections of South Carolina and especially those near Chester will be relieved to learn that the report of the occurrence of boll weevils on a Chester county farm has been investigated and found to be without foundation in fact.

Some days ago there was published a dispatch from Chester to the effect that boll weevils had been found on the farm of J. W. Wilson of Chester, where they had done serious damage to cotton.

The entomology division of Clemson College immediately telegraphed the county demonstration agent, who is proficient in entomology, to investigate and followed this up by sending one of the specialists from the college.

The investigators found no boll weevils, nor any sign of the work of boll weevils. The cotton on Mr. Wilson's place had been damaged, but the damage had been done by anthracnose. There were some of the characteristic holes of the cotton boll worm also.

Local Team Defeated.

Speaking of a football game a few days ago between the Winnsboro and Fort Mill school teams, the Winnsboro News and Herald says: The Fort Mill boys came down on Thanksgiving to play the Winnsboro boys which resulted in a score of 19 to 6 in favor of Winnsboro. This is the last game of the season and we hope the last that will ever be played in the town. The game has degenerated into nothing more than a knock down and drag out and is a disgrace to school and college life.

Fire at Clover Mill.

Fire Thursday night about 9:30 o'clock completely destroyed the waste house of the Clover cotton mill at Clover, this county. It is presumed that the blaze had its origin from defective wiring, although this is not a certainty, since it appeared to be well under way before discovered. The building was constructed from sheet iron and the interior was a mass of flames before the alarm was sounded. The cotton mill fire department was called out and kept the fire from spreading to any adjacent building.

Like a Reg'lar Scout.

I gits up soon and I stays up late,
But I takes good care not to state
How I moves aroun', in and out,
Lookin' for things like a reg'lar scout.
Close to de middle of ebry night
I takes a trip, 'less de moon's too bright—
Chickens roost high or close to de groun',
Makes no difference if I see aroun'.
I've got a reach dat's de envy of all
De coons in town—I see somewhat tall.
To 'scape me chickens must do fast work
When I 'gotiates my patent jerk.
I've reach'd for 'em now for quite a spell,
But all de partie'lars I'll just not tell—
It's cold in jail, I'd rather be out,
So 'scuse me, I 'members what I 's about.

BOOSTER CLUB LOST ON CHAUTAUQUA SHOWS

The Fort Mill "booster" club doubtless thinks less of the chautauqua as a money-making proposition than it did one week ago. In fact it is believed by many that a reorganization of the said club with an entirely different membership will be a necessity before another such list of attractions is contracted for. The chautauqua advertised for Fort Mill for the last week was held in the school auditorium according to the advertised schedule of performances, and there was, of course, a difference of opinion as to the merits of the several attractions, some saying they were good, while others expressed the opinion that the shows were scarcely worth the prices charged. But the principal trouble seemed to lie in the fact that not a sufficient number of Fort Mill people felt interested to the extent of going out to see just how good or bad they thought the attractions were. Hence, the chautauqua was a money-losing proposition; that is for the 15 Fort Mill men who had guaranteed the chautauqua people a certain amount of cash in the way of door receipts for the three days' attractions. The total receipts it is understood amounted to about \$125, and as a result of this the "boosters" were required to go down into their jeans and contribute \$10 each in order to prevent the chautauqua people from losing money. However, it is conceded by all that Fort Mill men as a rule are a generous lot and it was not expected that the aforesaid "booster" club would have a great deal to say about this latest act of generosity.

Accepts Belmont Call.

The Rock Hill papers of Monday carried the announcement that the Rev. J. T. Dendy on Sunday morning tendered his resignation as pastor of Ebenezer church, this county, to accept a call to the Presbyterian church at Belmont, N. C. Mr. Dendy expects to take up his new work about the first of next year.

Rev. Mr. Dendy has been pastor of Ebenezer church since the pastorate became vacant upon the death of Dr. J. I. Thornwell about eight years ago. The congregation of Ebenezer church will hold a meeting Saturday to act on the resignation.

The church at Belmont, to which Mr. Dendy goes, has a membership of more than 200. The congregation last year dedicated a \$20,000 church, with all modern equipment and a comfortable manse, with all modern improvement.

Storebreakers Got Two Years.

Samuel Hood and Dudley Thompson, negroes, appeared before the court at York the last week to answer to the charge of breaking into the store of Mills & Young at Fort Mill on the night of July 22 and stealing goods valued at \$75. Thompson plead guilty. Hood was adjudged guilty by the jury. Judge Rice sentenced the two negroes to serve two years each on the chaingang and advised them that if they ever appeared before him on a similar charge he would double the dose.

It will be remembered that Hood and Thompson were captured the day following the robbery after a long chase in which each was wounded by small shot from the pursuing party.

METHODIST MINISTERS GIVEN APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments of ministers for the Methodist churches comprising the Rock Hill district for the year 1916 were announced in the final meeting at Spartanburg Monday of the upper South Carolina conference:

Presiding Elder, Dr. P. B. Wells.

St. John's—J. C. Roper.
West Main Street—W. H. Polk.
Blacksburg—H. C. Nuzon.
Blackstock—George Cary Lee.
Chester—R. E. Turnipseed.
Chester Circuit—J. B. Strickland.

Clover—G. T. Hughes.
East Lancaster—J. A. Merritt.
Fort Mill—E. Z. James.
Great Falls—J. P. Kilgo.
Hickory Grove—H. B. Hardy.
Lancaster—Henry Stokes.
Lancaster Circuit—S. P. White.
North Rock Hill Circuit—W. M. Hardin.

Lynchburg—W. S. Goodwyn.
Manchester and Highland Park—C. W. Bowling.

Rock Hill Circuit—J. I. Spinks.
Van Wyck—J. V. Davis.
Winnsboro—J. B. Travwick.
York—E. P. Hodges.

Rev. Mr. Wells, the new presiding elder for this district, has for some months been performing the duties of presiding elder in addition to his work as pastor of St. John's church, Rock Hill, and his late appointment will be pleasing news to the number of churches in this district.

A. E. Young, a student of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was among the visitors to Fort Mill the last week.

WINTER GOODS.

Now is the time you need good, warm Clothing. So, come let us sell you Underwear, Outing, Canton Flannel, Sweaters, Caps, Hosiery, Shoes, Blankets, Comforts, etc.

A few Men's Overcoats slightly damaged in the fire last fall that we are closing out at a bargain. If you need an Overcoat cheap, come and see ours.

Also a few Ladies' Coats and Coat Suits at prices that will please you.

See Us for Nice, New Goods.

Remember, with every 25 cents you spend with us you get a chance on the Beautiful Dinner Sets, one of which we give away

Free Every Saturday.

Mills & Young Comp'y

In the New Store.